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In response to the Office action of May 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Appendix** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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☐ Appeal Brief (in triplicate) ( \_\_\_\_ pgs)

☐ Application: \_\_\_\_\_  
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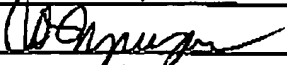
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1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
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1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	240	2203	145	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	88	2204	43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
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1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
2053	130	2053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1806	1,840*	1806	1,840*	* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	850	2253	425	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1404	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	2451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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